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Queen Elizabeth II, UK's longest-serving monarch, dies at 96



In this Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 file photo, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II looks up and waves to members of staff of The Foreign and Commonwealth Office as she ends an official visit which is part of her Jubilee celebrations in London.

By D. KIRKA, J. LAWLESS and S. HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch and a symbol of stability across much of a turbulent century, died Thursday. She was

96.

Buckingham Palace said she died at Balmoral Castle, her summer residence in Scotland, where members of the royal family had rushed to her side after her health took a turn for the worse.

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A link to the almost-vanished generation that fought World War II, she was the only monarch most Britons have ever known.

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Regulators try to stop unlawful nursing home debt collection

By FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nursing homes and debt collectors are flouting a law that prohibits them from requiring friends and family of care home residents to shoulder the costs of the facilities, according to a federal report issued Thursday. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said friends and family members have had to declare bankruptcy, had their wages garnished and their homes repossessed after signing unenforceable contracts called "admission agreements" with nursing facilities. As a result, they have been held liable as third parties for their loved ones' nursing home stays.

Distraught relatives, in sometimes emotional testimony, and lawyers for families told regulators Thursday about collectors seeking tens of thousands of dollars — even hundreds of thousands — in unpaid nursing home fees.

An increase in complaints led the agency and Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to send a letter to nursing homes and their debt collectors reminding them to follow the law.



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Rohit Chopra speaks from the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex in Washington, April 11, 2022, about medical debt during an event with Vice President Kamala Harris.

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Rohit Chopra, director of the consumer bureau, held a virtual public hearing with advocates, nursing home administrators and people affected by what they say are unlawful debt collection practices.

Anna Anderson, a consumer protection lawyer in New York, said she has seen hundreds of lawsuits filed against friends and family of care home residents that seek reimbursement for of facilities' costs.

"It's not only routine" she said. "It's a deeply troubling practice." She said it "puts families in a position of having to choose between protecting their family members at nursing facilities or putting themselves in a position of financial ruin."

Chris Ferris spoke of how he received a collection letter for thousands of dollars for his mother's nursing home stay. Through tears, he pleaded with bureau

officials on the call to do something to stop creditors from hounding him and others for money that should not be legally owed. "I implore you to do something to stop them," he said. "This is wrong."

The report described one woman who was sent to collections for \$80,000 two days after her mother's death. Another woman received a letter from a law firm stating that she owed the nursing home \$17,000

after her friend's death. The report did not identify the individuals by name.

The consumer bureau said in a statement that "collection of debts from those contracts may violate the consumer financial protection laws, including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" and its prohibition on false, deceptive, or misleading representations connected to debt collection.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports 1.3 million people live in nursing homes.

As more people in the United States age, the cost of nursing home care is growing along with demand. The price has soared in the past 20 years. In 2021, the annual median cost of a single room in a nursing home was \$108,405. Between 2004 and 2020, the cost rose by more than 60%. Most older adults are not insured against the costs of long-term care. Medicare, which covers adults once they reach 65, offers limited benefits based on need and only pays for nursing home care for up to 100 days. Medicaid helps low-income people pay for nursing home care but eligibility rules can be stringent. □



A sign marking the 1960 Winter Olympics is seen by a chairlift at what was then called Squaw Valley Ski Resort, July 9, 2020, in Olympic Valley, Calif.

Associated Press

By MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The U.S. government has joined a ski resort and others that have quit using a racist term for a Native

American woman by renaming hundreds of peaks, lakes, streams and other geographical features on federal lands in the West and elsewhere.

New names for nearly 650

U.S. changes names of places with racist term for Native women

places bearing the offensive word "squaw" include the mundane (Echo Peak, Texas) peculiar (No Name Island, Maine) and Indigenous terms (Pannaite Na-okwaide, Wyoming) whose meaning at a glance will elude those unfamiliar with Native languages.

"I feel a deep obligation to use my platform to ensure that our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming.

That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for far too long," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement.

The changes announced

Thursday capped an almost year-long process that began after Haaland, the first Native American to lead a Cabinet agency, took office in 2021. Haaland is from Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico.

Haaland in November declared the term derogatory and ordered members of the Board on Geographic Names, the Interior Department panel that oversees uniform naming of places in the U.S., and others to come up with alternatives. Haaland meanwhile created a panel that will take suggestions from the public on changing other places named with derogatory terms.

While the term in question, identified as "sq____" by the Interior Department on Thursday, has met wide scorn in the U.S. only somewhat recently, changing place names in response to broadening opposition to racism has long precedent. The department ordered the renaming of places carrying a derogatory term for Black people in 1962 and those with a derogatory term for Japanese people in 1974.

A Maine ski area also committed in 2021 to changing its name, two decades after that state removed the slur from names of communities and landmarks, though it has yet to do so. □

Bannon pleads not guilty in 'We Build the Wall' scheme

By MICHAEL R. SISAK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Donald Trump's longtime ally Steve Bannon pleaded not guilty Thursday to duping donors who gave money to build a wall on the U.S. southern border — a state-level reboot of a federal case that ended with a presidential pardon last year.

Bannon, 68, was released without bail after his arraignment on charges including money laundering, conspiracy and fraud related to the "We Build the Wall" campaign. He is the second person pardoned by Trump and later charged by the Manhattan district attorney's office for the same alleged conduct. Manhattan prosecutors say that while Bannon promised all donations would go to building the wall, he was involved in transferring hundreds of thousands of dollars to third-party entities and used them to funnel payments to two other people involved in the scheme.

The indictment didn't identify those people by name, but the details match those of Brian Kolfage and Andrew Badolato, who pleaded guilty to federal charges in April.



Former White House strategist Steve Bannon arrives at the Manhattan district attorney's office to surrender himself to New York authorities, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said that after Bannon was pardoned, Manhattan prosecutors decided they had to hold him accountable because the alleged scheme ripped off hundreds of Manhattan residents.

"The simple truth is: It is a crime to profit off the backs of donors by making false pretenses," Bragg said at a news conference.

Bannon's New York charges stem from the same alleged conduct as an attempted

federal prosecution that ended abruptly, before trial, when Trump pardoned Bannon on his last day in office. Manhattan prosecutors also charged WeBuild-TheWall, Inc., the nonprofit entity that Bannon and his former co-defendants used to solicit donations. The company pleaded not guilty Thursday.

Presidential pardons apply only to federal crimes, not state offenses. Last year, the Manhattan district attorney's office charged Ken

Kurson, a friend of Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, with cyberstalking months after Trump pardoned him in a similar federal case.

Like Bannon, Kurson was pardoned early in his federal case, before acquittal or conviction, negating any double jeopardy argument.

Arriving at the Manhattan district attorney's office shortly after 9 a.m. Thursday, Bannon said it was "an irony" that New York City's mayor has been object-

ing to busloads of migrants sent to the city from Texas while prosecutors "are persecuting people here, that try to stop them at the border."

Earlier, Bannon accused Bragg of pursuing "phony charges" against him, saying the Democratic prosecutor targeted him ahead of November's midterm elections because he and his radio show are popular among Trump's Republican supporters.

Bannon, in a statement Tuesday, said federal prosecutors "did the exact same thing in August 2020 to try to take me out of the election," referring to his arrest months before Trump's reelection loss. "This is nothing more than a partisan political weaponization of the criminal justice system."

But New York Attorney General Letitia James, whose office worked with Manhattan prosecutors on the case, said it was about holding "powerful political interests" to account.

"They think they are above the law. And the most egregious of them take advantage of hardworking Americans in the process. Steve Bannon stands out as a perfect example of this blatant inequality," said James, a Democrat. □

Trump documents probe: U.S. is appealing special master ruling

By ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department said Thursday that it was appealing a judge's decision granting the appointment of an independent arbiter to review records seized by the FBI from former President Donald Trump's Florida home.

The department also asked U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to put on hold her directive prohibiting it from using the seized records for investigative purposes while it contests her ruling to a federal appeals court. Law enforcement officials said they would suffer "irreparable harm" if Cannon's directive remained in place, noting that uncertainty about the boundar-

ies of the judge's order had led the intelligence community to temporarily halt a damage assessment of the classified records taken from Mar-a-Lago.

"Moreover, the government and the public are irreparably injured when a criminal investigation of matters involving risks to national security is enjoined," the Justice Department motion stated.

U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon on Monday granted the Trump team's request for a so-called special master and temporarily blocked the Justice Department from using for investigative purposes the thousands of records taken from Mar-a-Lago during the Aug. 8 search.

That order has the likely impact of slowing the pace of the investigation into the presence of classified documents at the Florida property.

The Justice Department, which had strenuously opposed such an appointment, filed a notice of appeal Thursday, saying it was contesting the ruling to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Cannon, a Trump appointee, said the yet-to-be-named special master will be responsible for reviewing the records from Mar-a-Lago and segregating out those that are potentially protected by attorney-client privilege or executive privilege.

The Justice Department has



President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate is seen in Palm Beach, Fla., April 18, 2018.

Associated Press

been investigating what it says was the unlawful retention of national defense information at Mar-a-Lago as well as efforts to obstruct the probe. It is not clear whether Trump or anyone else will face charges. The two sides were directed to submit proposed names of a special master by Friday. That role is often filled by a lawyer or former judge. □

California company: Machine failure may have caused wildfire

WEED, Calif. (AP) — A wood products company said Wednesday that it is investigating whether a fire that killed two people as it swept through a Northern California town was caused by the possible failure of a water-spraying machine used to cool ash at its veneer mill.

Roseburg Forest Products Co. also announced that although the investigation was not complete, it was planning to provide up to \$50 million for a community restoration fund.

The Mill Fire erupted Sept. 2 at the company's facility in the small town of Weed on Interstate 5, about 280 miles (451 km) northeast of San Francisco.

Roseburg Forest Products said in a news release that its mill produces its own electricity in a co-generation facility fueled by wood remnants, and the ash that is ejected is sprayed with cooling water by a "third-party-supplied machine." "Roseburg is investigating whether the third-party machine failed to cool the ash sufficiently which thereby ignited the fire," the release said.

Hundreds of people fled as the fire spread, destroying 107 structures and damaging 26 others. The blaze



A scorched pickup truck sits in front of a Wakefield Avenue home destroyed by the Mill Fire on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, in Weed, Calif.

Associated Press

eventually grew to more than 6 square miles (15.5 square km). The fire was 65% contained Wednesday, with minimal activity. Roseburg said its fund will assist residents with temporary shelter, medical supplies and treatment, transportation, clothing, food and water, and child care services.

Elsewhere, wildfires burned out of control in Southern California and in the Sierra Nevada, forcing evacuations.

The deadly Fairview Fire grew to more than 15 square miles (39 square km) as it sent up a huge smoke plume above the city of Hemet in Riverside County, about 80 miles (129 km) southeast of Los Angeles. Cal Fire Battalion Chief Josh Janssen told a briefing that the fire remained just 5% contained with "open fire on all sides of the fire still threatening several communities." Evacuation orders were expanded Wednesday afternoon.

The fire erupted Monday amid triple-digit heat and spread ferociously, killing two people who were found in a vehicle, severely burning another person while destroying seven structures and damaging several others. "Unfortunately we aren't able to positively identify the victims at this time. But we do believe that they were from the same family," sheriff's Sgt. Brandi Swan said. "It appears as though the two victims that were

found inside the vehicle were trying to flee from the fire."

The injured person was identified only as a woman. Swan said she was expected to survive.

The cause of the fire was under investigation. Southern California Edison notified the California Public Utilities Commission that "circuit activity" occurred close in time to when the fire was reported, the Los Angeles Times said. The activity was not specified.

About 35 miles (56 km) to the north, smoke loomed over ski runs in the San Bernardino Mountains as the Radford Fire fed on stands of timber south of the Big Bear Lake resort region.

The blaze spread over 1.5 square miles (3.8 square km) since being spotted by a U.S. Forest Service helicopter crew Monday afternoon. It was just 2% contained.

In the Sierra, evacuation orders and warnings were in place in Placer and El Dorado counties as the day-old Mosquito Fire grew to nearly 6.5 square miles (16.8 square km) with zero containment. Several structures and at least 10 cars were burned near the tiny Gold Rush community of Michigan Bluff. □

Former mayor, Mormon bishop accused of sex abuse of children



The Salt Lake Temple stands at Temple Square in Salt Lake City on Oct. 5, 2019.

Associated Press

By BRADY MCCOMBS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former Utah city mayor and bishop with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints has been arrested on accusations he sexually abused at least three children decades ago. Carl Matthew Johnson, 77, was arrested Wednesday

and booked into the Davis County jail in northern Utah on suspicion of seven counts of sex abuse of a child, according to a probable cause statement. Investigators say Johnson acknowledged abusing three victims in 1985, 1993 and 1996 and estimated there was a total of six victims as young as 2-years-old, according to the document. He told investigators he had struggled "controlling his sexual urges" most of his life.

The investigation is still ongoing, but so far Johnson is only booked on charges stemming from three victims. Johnson had not yet been charged as of Thursday afternoon and it was unknown if he had an at-

torney.

Johnson was in a "position of trust" over each victim, but the probable cause statement doesn't say what years Johnson was a church bishop or if the alleged abuse occurred while Johnson was in that role. Bishops are lay clergy who oversee local congregations for a few years at a time in a rotating role reserved only for men in the faith known widely as the Mormon church.

Stephanie Dinsmore, spokesperson for Davis County Sheriff's Office, declined to say if the alleged abuse happened when Johnson was a church bishop, saying in a text that the agency will not be commenting on Johnson's "affili-

ation" with the church. Johnson's other leadership role was mayor of West Bountiful from 1990-1997, a city just outside of Salt Lake City.

The victims told investigators they were told not to tell anyone, and Johnson used his position to suppress disclosures, according to the probable cause statement.

Officials with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints didn't immediately have comment about the accusations.

The faith has come under scrutiny following an Associated Press investigation that found flaws in how it handles reporting of sex abuse allegations made to bishops. □

Queen Elizabeth II, UK's longest-serving monarch, dies at 96

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With the death of the queen, her 73-year-old son Charles automatically becomes monarch, even though the coronation might not take place for months. It is not known whether he will choose to call himself King Charles III or some other name.

The BBC played the national anthem, "God Save the Queen," over a portrait of her in full regalia as her death was announced, and the flag over Buckingham Palace was lowered to half-staff as the second Elizabethan age came to a close.

In a statement, Charles called the death of his mother "a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family," adding: "I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world."

British Prime Minister Liz Truss, appointed by the queen just 48 hours earlier, pronounced the country "devastated" and called Elizabeth "the rock on which modern Britain was built."

In Canada, where the British monarch is the country's head of state, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau saluted her "wisdom, compassion and warmth." In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "She provided inspiring leadership to her nation and people. She personified dignity and decency in public life. Pained by her demise."

The queen enjoyed robust health well into her 90s, although she used a cane in appearances after the death of Philip, her husband of 73 years, in 2021. In October, she was hospitalized for a night in London for tests, and thereafter her public appearances grew scarcer.

In 1947, almost five years before she ascended the throne, the 21-year-old Elizabeth promised the people of Britain and the Commonwealth that "my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to



In this Monday, June 4, 2012 file photo, Prince Charles gestures to his mother, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, at the end of the Queen's Jubilee Concert in front of Buckingham Palace, London. The concert is a part of four days of celebrations to mark the 60 year reign of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Associated Press

your service."

It was a promise she kept across more than seven decades.

Elizabeth reigned for 70 years over a country that rebuilt from war and lost its empire; joined the European Union and then left it; transformed from industrial powerhouse to uncertain 21st century society. She endured through 15 prime ministers, from Winston Churchill to Truss, becoming a fixed point and a reassuring presence even for those who ignored or loathed the monarchy.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born in London on April 21, 1926, the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. She was not born to be queen -- her father's elder brother, Prince Edward, was destined to take the crown, to be followed by any children he had.

But in 1936, when she was 10, Edward VIII abdicated to marry twice-divorced American Wallis Simpson, and Elizabeth's father became King George VI.

Princess Margaret recalled asking her sister whether this meant that Elizabeth would one day be queen. "Yes, I suppose it does," Margaret quoted Elizabeth as saying. "She didn't mention it again."

Elizabeth was barely in her teens when Britain went to war with Germany in 1939.

Elizabeth and Margaret spent most of it at Windsor Castle, spending many nights in an underground shelter as bombs fell.

In 1945, eager to do something for the war effort, the heir to the throne joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service, where she enthusiastically learned how to drive and service heavy vehicles.

On the night the war ended in Europe, May 8, 1945, she and Margaret mingled, unrecognized, with celebrating crowds in London. She later called it "one of the most memorable nights of my life."

At Westminster Abbey in 1947 she married Royal Navy officer Philip Mountbatten, a prince of Greece and Denmark whom she had first met in 1939 when she was 13 and he 18.

Their first child, Prince Charles, was born on Nov. 14, 1948. He was followed by Princess Anne on Aug. 15, 1950, Prince Andrew on Feb. 19, 1960, and Prince Edward on March 10, 1964. Besides those four children, she is survived by eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In February 1952, George VI died in his sleep after years of ill health at age

became public property. There were plenty of troubles. In Elizabeth's first years on the throne, Princess Margaret provoked a national controversy through her romance with a divorced man.

The public split of Charles and Diana was followed by the shock of her death in a Paris car crash in 1997. For once, the queen appeared out of step amid unprecedented public mourning, failing to make a public show of grief that was seen by many as unfeeling. After several days, she made a televised address to the nation.

The dent in her popularity was brief. She was by now a sort of national grandmother, with a stern gaze and a kind smile.

She was arguably the most famous person in the world. But her inner life and opinions remained mostly an enigma. The public saw only glimpses of her personality -- her joy watching horse races at Royal Ascot, or her pleasure in the companionship of her beloved Welsh corgi dogs.

In 2015, she overtook her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years, seven months and two days to become the longest serving monarch in British history, and she kept working into her 10th decade. The loss of Philip at age 99 in 2021 was a heavy blow.

And the family troubles kept coming. Her son, Prince Andrew, was entangled in the sordid tale of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, an American businessman who had been a friend. The queen's grandson Prince Harry walked away from Britain and royal duties after marrying American actress Meghan Markle in 2018.

As the queen entered her mid-90s, she had what the palace called "mobility issues" and she appeared infrequently in public in 2022, the year of her Platinum Jubilee. In May, she asked Charles to stand in for her at the State Opening of Parliament, one of the monarch's key constitutional duties. □

Cuba says U.S. is acting immorally by keeping it on blacklist

By EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

Cuba's deputy foreign minister accused the Biden administration of acting immorally, illegitimately and unfairly by keeping Cuba on the list of state sponsors of terrorism, claiming it has been a victim of state-sponsored terrorism by the United States for more than 60 years.

Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said in an interview with The Associated Press that maintaining Cuba on the State Department blacklist with North Korea, Iran and Syria is "an easy way to punish Cuba with the overall aim of trying to make Cuba what it is not — to make Cuba a failed state."

"The U.S. unfortunately pays no price for doing something that is illegitimate, unsustainable and immoral," he said. "And even though, speaking with government officials, they find no reason why Cuba should be in the list, they claim that it is politically difficult for them."

The United States imposed an economic embargo on Cuba in 1960 following the revolution led by Fidel Castro and the nationalization



Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio is interviewed by The Associated Press on Friday, April 22, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

of properties belonging to U.S. citizens and corporations. Removing Cuba from the blacklist had been one of then-President Barack Obama's main foreign policy achievements as he sought better relations with the Caribbean island, an effort endorsed by Biden as his vice president.

Days before Biden was inaugurated as president, then-President Donald

Trump's administration redesignated Cuba as a "state sponsor of terrorism," imposing new sanctions. During his campaign, Biden promised to renew relations with the communist-governed island, but he has made no move to do so. Fernandez said the "pretext" then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gave was the presence in Cuba of representatives

of Colombia's last guerrilla group, the National Liberation Army, known as the ELN. He said Cuba didn't invite them but responded to a request from the Colombian government to host peace talks with the group in Havana.

He didn't mention that Pompeo also cited Cuba's continued harboring of U.S. fugitives and its support for Venezuelan leader Nicolás

Maduro as reasons.

Fernandez said U.S. officials describing delisting as a "politically difficult" decision is "an immoral excuse, because as a result of this designation, the Cuban economy is suffering an additional pain on the one already imposed by the blockade."

He explained that anyone engaging economically or financially with a country on the list faces the possibility of being punished by the United States, and that because of Cuba's designation over 30 financial and banking institutions interrupted their relationships with the country.

"There is huge economic pressure," Fernandez said, explaining that for the past six years the country has had no sources of financing or development credit, and the U.S. has tried to deprive Cuba of fuel so it has to pay a 15-30% premium because of the risk that the few sellers take.

The country is also still suffering from the impact of COVID-19 and tourism, especially from Canada and the European Union, which is an important source of income, he said. □

Dominican president bars Haitian ex-leader from his country

By MARTÍN ADAMES AL-CÁNTARA

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The

president of the Dominican Republic has barred Haiti's former interim prime minister who is now an aspiring presidential candidate from entering the country, a move that further heightens tensions between two nations that share the island of Hispaniola.

The order against Claude Joseph that was signed Wednesday by Dominican President Luis Abinader also bans 12 Haitian gang leaders from entering the country. It comes as Haiti is becoming increasingly unstable following the July 7, 2021, assassination of its president, Jovenel Moïse.

Joseph welcomed Abinader's ban on Thursday.

"He ranks me as enemy No. 1 of the Dominican racists. It is not a sanction. It's an honor. I receive it in the

name of fathers Dessalines, Toussaint and Christophe," he tweeted, referencing Haitian revolutionary heroes.

Abinader's order, which

authorizes the president to ban anyone from entering the country if they have a criminal record or pose a threat to national security, is the latest tussle between Joseph and Dominican officials.

Joseph, who was foreign affairs minister when Moïse was slain, became interim prime minister for a brief period with the backing of police and the military.

When Ariel Henry was installed as Haiti's prime minister nearly two weeks after Moïse's killing, Joseph reverted to being minister of foreign affairs. He stepped down following an acrimonious exchange with Dominican officials following a tweet in November 2021 in which Joseph suggested that the Dominican Repub-

lic wasn't a safe country. Dominican officials bristled at the allegation, and ties between the two countries have since soured, especially given a spike in Haitian migrants crossing over to the Dominican Republic as they flee deepening poverty and a spike in gang-related kidnappings and killings since Moïse's assassination.

The influx of migrants also has led to an increase in racist and xenophobic incidents in the Dominican Republic against Haitians and those born in that country to Haitian parents.

In February 2022, Abinader announced his administration would build a multimillion-dollar, 118-mile (190-kilometer) wall along the Haitian border. □



Then Interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph speaks during a memorial service for the late Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 20, 2021.

Associated Press

Minister of Tourism and Public Health joins queen Maxima of the Netherlands on trip to Austin and Houston

ORANJESTAD – Minister of Tourism and Public Health of Aruba, Mr. Dangui Oduber departed last Wednesday afternoon for the United States in order to join queen Maxima of the Netherlands during her work trip.

Austin

Yesterday, Mr. Oduber was in Austin where he took part in a health conference together with minister of Public Health, Wellness and Sport of the Netherlands, Mr. Ernst Johan Kuipers. The health conference was organized together with Austin Healthcare Council, a non-profit organization founded by leaders in the health industry working with a single goal, to establish Austin's global position as a centre for health innovation. Here the opportunity arose to strengthen cooperation after the last visit back in 2019 in Texas, but also looking at the future and the opportunities to work in collaboration.

Oduber gave a speech sharing the experience of how innovation and technology helped Aruba during the Covid-19 pandemic. He spoke about Aruba Health App, which was created during the pandemic to facilitate the testing process as well as to centralize each patient's information optimally, digitally, and accessible for everyone in Aruba. Afterwards, use of the system was incorporated for it to be a solution where passengers can present their personal

health data to airlines, hotels and all partners in the hospitality industry in a private and safe way. Emphasis was put on the fact that Aruba, such a small country, became an example for bigger countries. The minister also spoke about how other countries also chose to implement this system after seeing how efficient the app is.

Afterwards, he accompanied queen Maxima and minister Kuipers during a visit at Hogg Foundation for mental health. Here they discussed topics of common interest, regarding how countries are coping with challenges regarding mental health and sharing data to elaborate on how countries can support and cooperate with each other on this matter. At the Hogg Foundation the main objective is to incorporate innovation, but also to learn to work more preventatively for mental health, particularly for young persons.

Houston

Today, minister Oduber is at Houston where he will receive a walkthrough of the Texas Medical Center (TMC) Innovation, and will also visit MD Anderson Cancer Center, together with queen Maxima and minister Kuipers. Both these medical centers are renowned as some of the best in the country. During this visit they will receive various presentations from experts in the field of healthcare, and there will also be opportunities



to ask questions.

Minister Oduber considers this an important opportunity to create new international cooperation and to fortify existing cooperation. He is also said to be extremely proud to have the opportunity to give a speech in the name of Aruba to focus on the importance of innovation in healthcare and how advanced technology can help better the quality of care.

The main focus of this trip is innovation in healthcare.□

Ling & Sons Food Market is expanding its Bakery department with new Hendrickx the baker & banquet assortment

Ling & Sons Food Market, the largest supermarket in Aruba is welcoming the Hendrickx Baker concept to its bakery. A premium concept, new to Aruba where quality comes first and where you can find the best breads and banquet products from Europe.

The bakery master Hendrickx together with his team of top bakeries from the Netherlands, Belgium and France have setup a unique assortment that showcases great diversity and quality. Hendrickx the baker not only provides a premium assortment of high quality products, but the products are also made in a sustainable way and are simply delicious.

Hendrickx uses the best and most authentic recipes 100% natural, produced using sour dough and baked in a stone oven. And now all this knowledge is passed over to our in-house bakers at Ling & Sons.

Our bakers are trained the Master baker Hendrickx himself to ensure customers in Aruba get the very best recipes of Hendrickx breads & banquet all the way from Europe made right here at the Ling & Sons bakery.

The bakery will stay open during the make-over process, and will be ready on September 9, 2022.



You are invited on Saturday September 10th 2022 to come and experience our new bakery for yourself. Meet the Master Bakery Hendrickx, try our new bakery line and participate to win a bakery package Giveaway.

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PARADISE BEACH VILLAS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday September 2nd, 2022, Managing Director Mr. Freddy Albertus, The Resort Manager Mrs. Lillian Britten, The Human Resources Manager Mrs. Yina Maduro and the Employee Social Activities Committee, honored 9 employees at the Paradise Beach Villas for their years of service. We were celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.

This year the celebration took place in the beautiful garden of Paradise Beach Villas. A delicious early breakfast was prepared by the Paradise kitchen staff. A big thanks to Andres Zievinger and Juan Chayadi for their contribution to this celebration.

Congratulations goes to the following employees that during 2022 reached their respective anniversaries.

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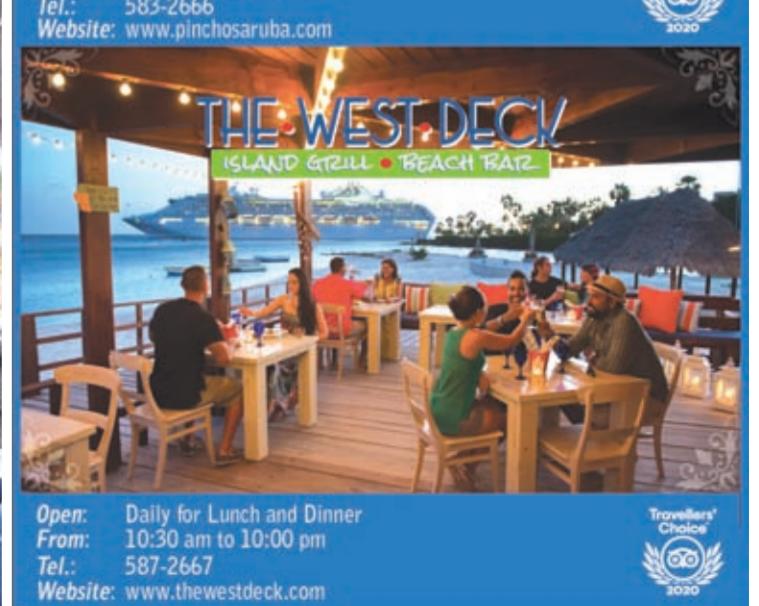
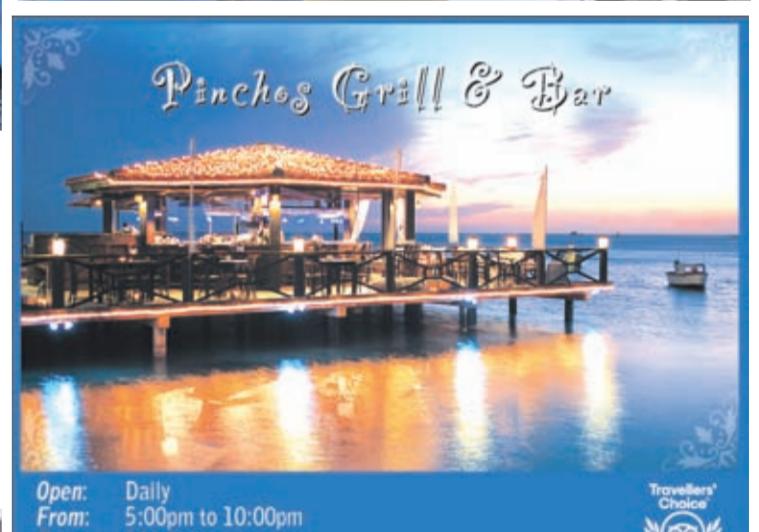
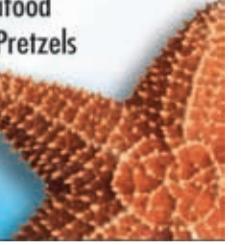


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Origin of Papiamento- Aruba's native language

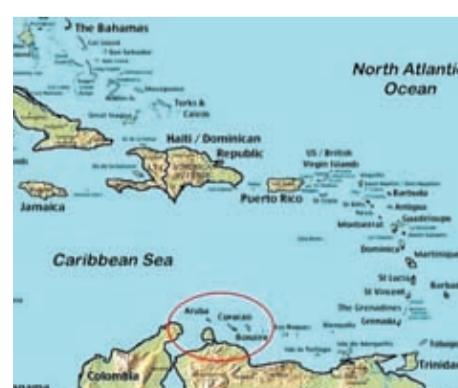
ORANJESTAD — Papiamento, Creole language of ABC (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) is from the Cape Verdean Creole family (Cape Verdean language) and was taken to the Caribbean in the 9th century by the Cape Verdeans of that time (slaves), experts in cane culture and sugar production, and who were hired by Jewish entrepreneurs who went to invest in this business in the Caribbean. Cape Verdeans taught this pre-industrial revolution technology (planting cane and producing sugar, which they had learned

from Madeirans) to slaves from other African regions, and did so in their language, Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language), hence the language implanted in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Unlike many interesting stories, wanting to link Papiamento directly to Portuguese, Galician or Castilian (see Papiamento, on Wikipedia - Portuguese version and Spanish version, where the Portuguese and Spanish, each claim the direct origin of Papiamento), in fact, this is not true. Papiamento is not direct from Portuguese, Galician or Castilian, it is from the Cape Verde Creole family (Cape Verdean language). You can see this best when it's saying obscene words and offending someone, precisely as they say today in both ABC and Cape Verde islands. The obscene words kept the original, had no lexical influence either from Castilian or Dutch. Also the PapiCristang of Malacca, the Patuá of Macau,

and several creoles from the east (from Daman, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia) and Africa (Casamansa, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, these last two releases to the English), all originated in the Creole of Cabo Verde (Cape Verdean language), which was the French language spoken in Portuguese feitorias on the coast of Africa (from Senegal to Sierra Leone), and which was taken east by the thousands of cabble - Verdeans (slaves and slaves, already Christianized and speaking Creole) who served as sailors and "slaves of arms" in Portuguese caravels, demanding the east. I don't know why the official history of Portugal usually omits this fact, which is in the chronicles of the quinrentist chroniclers, but which we never saw in the history of Portugal that we study from primary education to higher education. However, it has always been tried to deceive us, in colonial time, that we were descendants of Viriato (Iberian hero in the fight against the Romans) and the pastors of the Hermini Mountains, but not much speaking of our black-African ancestry.

We Cape Verdeans understand each other very well with these Antillians and Easterns, whose language is from the same Creole family of Cape Verde (Cape Verdean language), speaking their Creole and we ours. Therefore, Papiamento, PapiCristang, PatuáMacense and the creoles, said of Portuguese origin, Daman, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, some locations in the Philippines and some places in Indonesia, are creoles of the language family Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language) and indirectly the Galaiço-Duriense or Galaiço-Portuguese, a language that the people spoke in Portugal in the 6th and 7th century. Anonymous

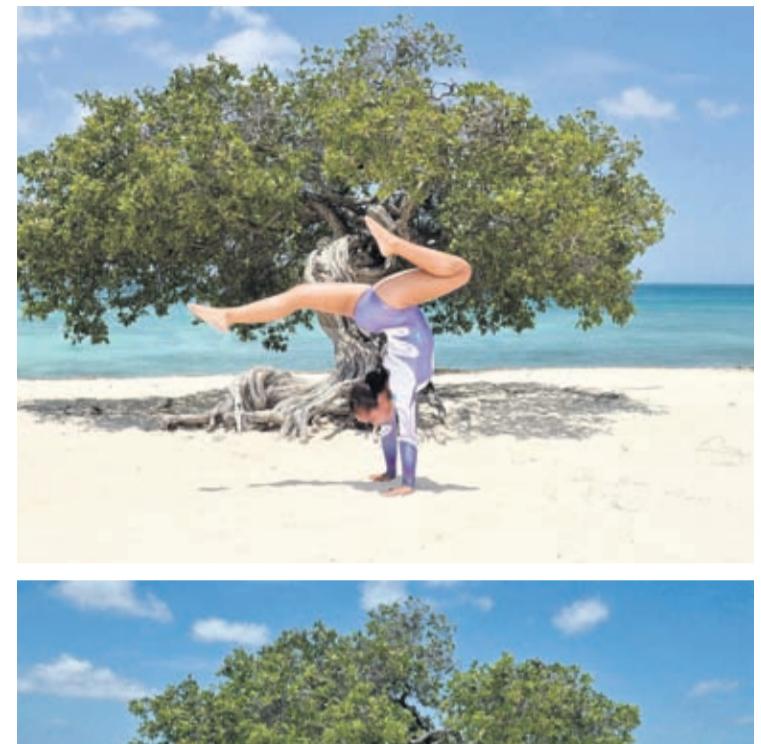


Source: Dushi Aruba

Gihae Gymnastics returned to Aruba with 55 medals and 11 trophies

ORANJESTAD – This week, minister of Sport, Mr. Endy Croes received the athletes of Gihae Gymnastics at the Reina Beatrix International Airport, to congratulate them on their amazing achievements in the Copa Candy Party 2022, which took place in Panama.

A total of 723 gymnasts were competing, from 25 clubs from the following countries: Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama and Aruba. The 18 athletes representing Aruba managed to win a total of 55 medals, including 16 gold medals, 15 silver medals, 1 bronze; 8 4th



place medals, 8 5th place medals, 1 6th place medal and 5 Explorers medals.

Gihae Gymnastics also managed to obtain 11 trophies, of which 4 are for first place, 4 are for second place, 1 is for third place, and 2 teams in first place.

The competitions were high level, and our athletes represented Aruba worthily.



Minister Croes congratulated the athletes for their great results, and for letting Aruba's name shine abroad. He also thanked the coaches, Mr. Jimmy Palma Villegas and Mrs. Himilice Casares, as well as the athletes' parents for supporting their kids in the sport. Congratulations! □

Official visit of Plenipotentiary Minister of Aruba in the Netherlands to the new offices of ATA Europe

DEN HAAG – Alternate Plenipotentiary Minister of Aruba in the Netherlands, Mr. Ady Thijssen recently paid an official visit to the new offices of ATA Europe. There, the minister was received by the director of ATA Europe, Tirso Tromp, and the rest of the staff.

Mr. Thijssen thanked Mr. Tromp for the invitation,

and wished the team of ATA a lot of success in their new office. As a gesture of appreciation, he brought a plant to decorate the office.

ATA's director appreciated the gesture of minister Thijssen, and said that Aruba is experiencing a great increase in tourism. The numbers from Europe, particu-



larly from the Netherlands, are very positive. This is also the case for England, which resulted in the airline flying under the flag of the United Kingdom, British Airways, announcing that

they will begin direct flights from London Gatwick to Aruba from March 2023. According to Mr. Tromp, this is the product of a lot of marketing work from ATA Europe. Surely it will

be a very positive support for tourism on Aruba, to be able to receive flights from such a renowned airline. □

Images are courtesy of Arubahuis.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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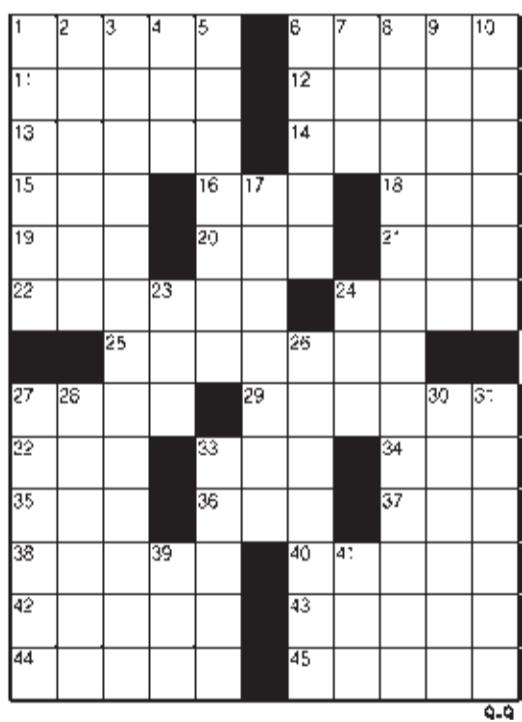
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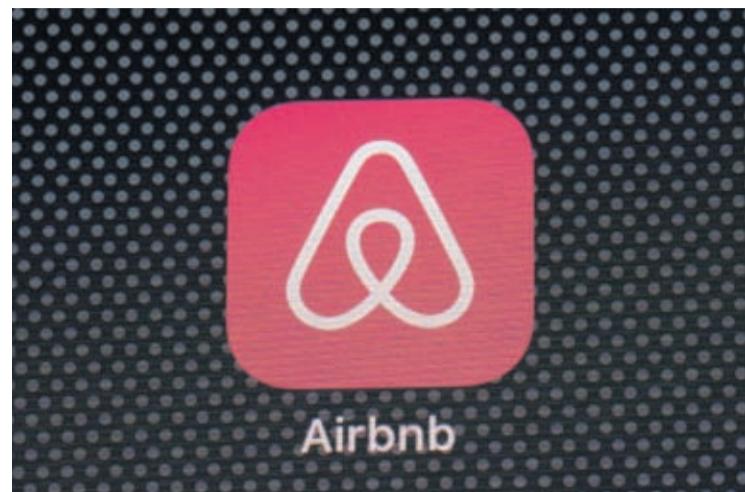
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: CHOOSE A MAJOR YOU LOVE AND YOU'LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE BECAUSE THAT FIELD PROBABLY ISN'T HIRING. — UNKNOWN

Are Airbnbs more cost-effective than hotels?By SALLY FRENCH
of NerdWallet

Remember the days when one of the best money-saving travel tips was booking an Airbnb versus a hotel? Not only were nightly rates almost always far cheaper, but the Airbnbs and hosts themselves often shaped up to be the most memorable aspects of a trip.

These days, staying at an Airbnb rarely involves big savings or friendships with the hosts. For better or for worse, features like self-check-in make it so hosts and guests never even meet. Meanwhile, many listings are not managed by owners, but by corporate property management behemoths without the convenience of on-site, full-time staff. And the cost? A June 2022 NerdWallet analysis looked at 1,000 U.S. Airbnb reservations for 2022 or 2023. Although there's no way to compare the costs directly since every Airbnb is different, some key indicators provide clues as to when Airbnbs are better or worse than a hotel.



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median nightly price (32% cheaper per night versus staying one night).

Why are longer stays cheaper? One reason is multiday discounts. Hosts offer these incentives because they'd prefer having fewer bookings to manage and ensure occupancy.

Another reason is cleaning fees. While not all listings have them, the median cleaning fee is \$75, according to NerdWallet's analysis. Since it's a one-time fee, the cost is reduced by longer stays. □

United makes 'conditional' order for electric air taxisBy DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — United Airlines thinks that in a few years, plenty of big-city customers will pay \$100 or more for a one-way ride to the airport in a four-seat, electric-powered air taxi. The Chicago-based airline

said Thursday that it invested \$15 million in a startup manufacturer, and signed a "conditional" agreement to buy 200 of the tiny aircraft with options for 200 more.

United said it expects to receive the first taxis which will take off and land verti-



cally, like helicopters from Eve Air Mobility as soon as 2026.

It's hard to judge United's commitment to the deal, since it wouldn't provide terms for the order.

A spokesman said the conditions are standard when buying an aircraft that hasn't been certified by regulators, and they cover "a number of United's business objectives."

The stake in Eve amounts to less than 5% of United's second-quarter profit.

But the deal fits United's pattern of announcing interest in startups that are trying to build and win regulatory approval for air taxis, like Archer, and supersonic planes, like Boom. □

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NASA fixing moon rocket leaks, hoping for Sept. launch try

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA is replacing leaky seals in its moon rocket at the pad in hopes of launching it on its first test flight by the end of this month.

Managers said Thursday they will conduct another test after the repairs to ensure all hydrogen fuel leaks are plugged. If that test goes well and if the Space Force extends a flight safety waiver then NASA could take another stab at launching the 322-foot rocket in late September. Otherwise, the rocket will return to the hangar for additional work, delaying liftoff until at least October. A series of hydrogen fuel leaks and other problems halted back-to-back launch attempts last week. The Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA, holds a crew capsule with three test dummies. The space agency wants to send the capsule into lunar orbit on a trial run, before putting astronauts on the next flight, in 2024. That around-the-moon mission would pave the way for the first human moon landing in 50 years, currently scheduled for 2025.

"We need to get the tanking test done and then we'll have to look at what is the realism and schedule" to make a launch attempt as early as Sept. 23, said Jim Free, who's in charge of NASA's exploration systems development. To launch in late September, NASA needs the OK from the Space Force in Cape Canaveral, which oversees the rocket's self-destruct system. Batteries are needed to activate the system if the rocket veers off course toward populated areas. These batteries must be retested periodically, and that can only be done in the hangar. The military would have to extend the certification of those batteries



The NASA moon rocket as stands on Pad 39B for the Artemis 1 mission to orbit the Moon at the Kennedy Space Center, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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by an extra two weeks or more to avoid moving the rocket back to the hangar. But every time the rocket moves between the hangar and launch pad adds "routine wear and tear, and I don't want to do that" unless necessary, said chief engineer John Blevins. There already have been three trips to the pad this year for practice countdowns and, most recently, the thwarted launch attempts of Aug. 29 and Saturday.

Engineers are hopeful that replacing a pair of seals in the hydrogen fuel lines at the bottom of the rocket will take care of any lingering leaks.

As an extra precaution, the launch team plans "a kindler and gentler approach to tanking" during the final phase of the countdown, slowing the flow of fuel at times to reduce stress on the seals, according to Mike Bolger, a program manager.

"We're optimistic that we

can knock this problem flat," he told reporters. □

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Review: Jiminy Cricket! A live-action 'Pinocchio'

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

After a string of live-action remakes, from "Beauty and the Beast" to "The Lion King," the Walt Disney Co. has finally gotten around to "Pinocchio." Along the way, there have been some nice performances, enormous heaps of CGI and, lest anyone forget, one very blue Will Smith.

Whether any of these movies have done much to improve the originals is very much up for debate, and undertaking "Pinocchio" poses even more particular challenges. Most pressing:

What you do with Pinocchio? Nice kid and all. A little wooden. But if we're being honest here, he's always been a bit of a dud. Do you cast a young actor to play the puppet once brought to life? Alongside some live performers (Tom Hanks, Cynthia Erivo) and some CGI characters, director Robert Zemeckis has used computer imagery to render Pinocchio (voiced by Benjamin Evan Ainsworth) much in the style and vocal pitch of the 1940 cartoon. The effect is an awkward fusion of fake and real that strains to find any magic in between. This "Pinocchio," unfortunately,



This image released by Disney shows Tom Hanks as Geppetto in Disney's live-action film "Pinocchio."

is no real boy, at all.

It's also one of two adaptations of the fairy tale coming this fall. Zemeckis' "Pinocchio" premieres Thursday on Disney+. Later comes a stop-motion version by Guillermo del Toro. The directors are magicians both, and they will surely have radically different takes on the old Italian tale. In a few months, we'll be able to compare them, nose to nose. Zemeckis' film opens with a reminder of how foundational "Pinocchio" has been to the Disney myth-making machine. As the familiar castle logo plays with "When You

Wish Upon a Star," Jiminy Cricket (voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) floats down under an umbrella to stake claim to the studio theme song. "Isn't that a catchy little tune?" he asks. But aside from any poignant corporate lineage, the original "Pinocchio" remains about as pure an example of Disney at its archetypal best as anything. Maurice Sendak once aptly described it as possessing "the golden glamour of a lost era; it is a monument to an age of craft and quality in America." Zemeckis' film, in its ways just as representative of its cinematic era,

keeps much of the 1940 film's narrative shape but maintains little of its tension as a morality tale. Pleasure Island feels too much like where rafts of financially motivated remakes like "Pinocchio" might properly reside. This time, the story penned by Zemeckis and Chris Weitz feels like it's lurching from one set piece or song-and-dance number to another, with cameos from Erivo (in the flesh, as the Blue Fairy and "Wish Upon a Star" singer) and Keegan-Michael Key, as the voice of the deceptive red fox Honest John. Certainly, "Hi-Diddle-Dee-

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Dee (An Actor's Life For Me)" has a different resonance in a movie where actors compete with CGI creations for oxygen.

The best reason to see "Pinocchio" is, unsurprisingly, Hanks, who brings a soulful melancholy to Geppetto. It's a corollary to Hanks' performance as Presley manager Tom Parker in "Elvis." Only in that film, Hanks was the one pulling the strings on a big-tent star. Or when Pinocchio's nose shoots out and Jiminy teeters on it like how Gordon-Levitt, as high-wire artist Philippe Petit, did at a higher altitude in "The Walk."

If I'm picking a modern marionette to dance with, it's "Annette," Leos Carax's 2021 wild and wonderful (and not so family friendly) musical opus with a simple, hand-crafted puppet at the center of another opera about art and parenthood. In that film, what was incongruous between the actors and the puppet was part of the film's strange drama. It was fitfully ridiculous and emotionally devastating, and a reminder that real boy, or not, it makes no difference who are you. □

Bernard Shaw, CNN's 1st chief anchor, dies at 82

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Shaw, CNN's chief anchor for two decades and a pioneering Black broadcast journalist best remembered for calmly reporting the beginning of the Gulf War in 1991 as missiles flew around him in Baghdad, has died. He was 82.

He died of pneumonia on Wednesday at a hospital in Washington, according to Tom Johnson, CNN's former chief executive.

Shaw was at CNN for 20 years and was known for remaining cool under pressure. That was a hallmark of his Baghdad coverage

when the U.S. led its invasion of Iraq in 1991 to liberate Kuwait, with CNN airing stunning footage of airstrikes and anti-aircraft fire in the capital city.

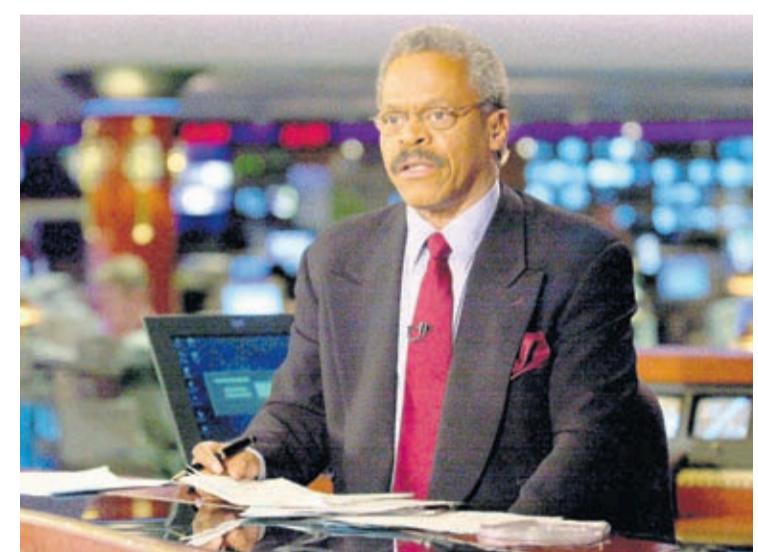
"In all of the years of preparing to be anchor, one of the things I strove for was to be able to control my emotions in the midst of hell breaking out," Shaw said in a 2014 interview with NPR. "And I personally feel that I passed my stringent test for that in Baghdad."

Shaw was a former U.S. Marine who worked as a reporter at CBS and ABC News before taking on the chief anchor role at CNN when the network began

in 1980.

He moderated a presidential debate in 1988 between George W. Bush and Michael Dukakis. His first question to the Democrat Dukakis, an opponent of the death penalty, was whether he would want that sentence applied to someone who raped and murdered the candidate's wife.

His striking on-the-scene work in Baghdad, with correspondents Peter Arnett and John Holliman, was crucial in establishing CNN when it was the only cable news network and broadcast outlets at ABC, CBS and NBC dominated televi-



CNN anchorman Bernard Shaw appears on set at the network's Atlanta headquarters on Friday, Nov. 10, 2000.

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sion news.

"He put CNN on the map," said Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington bureau chief and now a professor at George Washington University.

On Twitter, CNN's John

King paid tribute to Shaw's "soft-spoken yet booming voice" and said he was a mentor and role model to many.

"Bernard Shaw exemplified excellence in his life," Johnson said. □

Wainwright, Molina tie battery record in Cards' loss to Nats



St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, left, talks to starting pitcher Adam Wainwright during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, in St. Louis.

By JOE HARRIS
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Yadier Molina homered twice on a day he paired with St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright to tie the major league record for 324 starts by a battery in an 11-6 loss to the Washington Nationals on Thursday.

Alex Call had four hits and five RBIs for Washington, including a three-run homer off James Naile in the ninth.

Wainwright and Molina matched the mark set by Detroit's Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan from 1963-75. Molina hit a two-run homer into the third deck in left field in the third and a solo shot just over the wall in the fourth. It was the ninth career multi-homer game for Molina and his first since April 17, 2021, at Philadelphia.

Wainwright allowed four runs and nine hits in five in-

nings. The 41-year-old Wainwright and 40-year-old Molina got a standing ovation from the crowd of 40,437 as they made their way in from the bullpen moments before first pitch, and another after the top of the first inning. Wainwright and Molina are on track to break the record at home against Milwaukee on Sept. 14. César Hernández drove in three runs and Luis García

broke a 4-4 tie with sixth-inning infield single off Jordan Hicks, who had relieved Andre Pallante (6-5). The Nationals had 18 hits and earned a four-game split. Nationals starter Josiah Gray gave up four runs in 3 1/3 innings. Mason Thompson (1-0), Andrés Machado, Kyle Finnegan, Jake McGee and Carl Edwards Jr. combined for 5 2/3 innings in relief.

St. Louis lost for just the

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fourth time in their last 24 home games.

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Cardinals OF Alec Burleson went 0 for 4 with a walk in his major league debut. He is the 15th player to make Cardinals debut this season. ... Cardinals OF Ben DeLuzio got his first major league hit with a single in the fourth.

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Nationals: OF Victor Robles (neck stiffness) was a late scratch from the starting lineup and was replaced by Call.

Cardinals: OF Tyler O'Neill (neck stiffness) was held out of the starting lineup, but was available to pinch hit.

UP NEXT

Nationals: LHP Patrick Corbin (6-17, 6.28 ERA) will start the first of a three-game set Friday night at Philadelphia and RHP Noah Syndergaard (8-9, 4.07 ERA).

Corbin is coming off his best outing of the season on Sept. 3 when he allowed one run on three hits in seven innings.

Cardinals: RHP Miles Mikolas (11-10, 3.32 ERA) will open a three-game series Friday night at Pittsburgh, while the Pirates counter with RHP Roansy Contreras (4-4, 3.41 ERA). Mikolas allowed just two hits over eight scoreless innings in his last start on Sept. 4. □

Evenepoel wins Vuelta stage, consolidates overall lead

TRUJILLO, Spain (AP) — Remco Evenepoel showed who's in charge at the Spanish Vuelta.

The overall leader made a strong statement with a victory in Thursday's 18th stage, holding off the attack of his challengers and sprinting for the win at the summit.

It was the second stage win for the 22-year-old Belgian from team Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl.

"This was the most perfect day ever," Evenepoel said. "Winning La Vuelta is still not done, with a really hard stage to come. They will for sure attack me. But maybe now it's easier to

control because I feel my legs are really good. This is very good for me and for the team for the last three days."

The big stage victory came a day after three-time defending champion Primoz Roglic, who was his closest rival, withdrew because of injuries from a crash.

Evenepoel's gap to second place Enric Mas of team Movistar stayed at more than two minutes. The Spaniard followed Evenepoel closely on Thursday and crossed the line just two seconds behind him at the Alto de Piornal.

"It was a pretty tough stage with really hard climbs in

the finale," Evenepoel said. "The race was really hard, but we always stayed calm. I think that's what I learned, to always stay calm."

Evenepoel has been leading the race since the sixth stage in the longest run at the top for a Belgian at a Grand Tour race since Johan De Muynck won the Giro d'Italia in 1978. That was the last victory for Belgium in a three-week event.

Friday's 19th stage is a short circuit with two mountain passes in Talavera de la Reina.

The race ends Sunday in Madrid. □



Belgian Remco Evenepoel of Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl celebrates on the podium in the red jersey for leader in the overall ranking after the 16th stage during the Vuelta cycling race between San Lucar de Barrameda and Tomares, in Tomares, southern Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

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All Rams will wear 'Choose Love' helmet decals vs Bills

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

Every player on the Los Angeles Rams will wear a "Choose Love" decal on their helmet for the season opener against the Buffalo Bills. NFL teams will stencil "It Takes All of Us" and "End Racism" in end zones for the third straight season as part of the league's Inspire Change social justice initiative.

Players can choose one of seven messages for their helmets this year. The six others remain the same: "End Racism," "Stop Hate," "It Takes All of Us," "Black Lives Matter," "Inspire Change" and "Say Their Stories."

The league said it added the "Choose Love" message because of an increase in hate crimes and gun violence around the country. Ten Black people were killed and three individuals were injured in a shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo earlier this year.

The NFL partnered with Colombian-American artist Ruben Rojas to spread a clear message of love this season. In honor of Thurs-



Indianapolis Colts defensive end Kwity Paye (51) wears a "Stop Hate" social justice decal on his helmet during the team's NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks on Sept. 12, 2021, in Indianapolis.

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day night's league opener, Rojas created two signature "Love" sculptures that will be placed in both Los Angeles and Buffalo, unifying the two coasts for the season. The Los Angeles sculpture will be unveiled at SoFi Stadium before the game, while the Buffalo piece will debut in front of Highmark Stadium the week leading into the Bills' home opener on Sept. 19. Bills players also will wear helmet decals with vari-

ous messages against the Rams. Each club will again highlight its social justice work during a regular-season game in Weeks 15 and 16. On-field displays will include Inspire Change banners, goal post wraps, stencils, helmet decals and video board graphics.

"As we kick off another NFL season, the league's commitment to social justice remains as present on field and in stadium across all 32 clubs as it is in communities

nationwide," Anna Isaacson, NFL senior vice president of social responsibility, told The Associated Press. "This year, we're expanding efforts to include the Inspire Change Change-maker Award which will honor a local social justice changemaker from each club market.

"Initiatives like NFL Votes,

dedicated grant-making to both national and local non-profits, the social justice helmet decal program, expanded programming and content on NFL owned and operated channels to highlight social justice efforts across the NFL family and, of course, dedicated Inspire Change weeks will also continue." □

Adrian Peterson set to box Le'Veon Bell, wants to play again



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, right, visits with Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell, left, on the field after an NFL preseason football game in Canton, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015.

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Adrian Peterson still wants to play in the NFL after he fights Le'Veon Bell in the boxing ring.

A four-time All-Pro running back, Peterson is taking on the two-time All-Pro back Bell on Saturday night at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. It'll be the first boxing match for the former NFL stars.

The 37-year-old Peterson played for Tennessee and Seattle last season while Bell spent time with Baltimore and Tampa Bay. Peterson is fifth on the all-time list with 14,918 yards rushing and fourth with 120 touchdowns rushing.

"Still chasing that championship, and you only get the opportunity to do this once in a lifetime," Peterson told the AP Pro Football Podcast. "If I could continue to play and make it to 15, 16 years, why not? Fifteen years from now, I'll be sitting back reminiscing about the opportunity that I had and the guys I played

against. I know I have the ability to get out there and still play at a high level, so that's something that I desire, to continue to play."

Peterson made seven Pro Bowls and was the 2012 Associated Press NFL MVP during 10 years with the Vikings. Since leaving Minnesota, he's played for six other teams, including Arizona, New Orleans, Washington and Detroit.

"It was a blessing," Peterson said about his journey around the league. "I've made some great relationships, been able to explore some great cities, the culture there, see how different organizations move and how they run the show. I played with Drew Brees. I played with Russell Wilson, got to play with Larry Fitzgerald, some great quarterbacks, great players just in general. It's been a blast."

The main event features Austin McBroom against AnEson Gib, who was Jake Paul's first boxing opponent. □

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